(b) It is the considered view of the Government that this issue can be resolved in a spirit of mutual accommodation by building a national consensus.

Vacancies for SC/STs in office of the Development Commissioner, Delhi Administration

1855. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1031 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1989 and state:

(a) the reasons for which the nominations were arranged by the Employment Exchange of eligible candidates and same were interviewed later on when matter was already *sub-judice* with the Central Administrative Tribunal;

(b) what is the present vacancies position of SC/ST i.e. what is the total number of vacancies belonging to SC/ST and how many SC/ST candidates were put to work on *ad-hoc* basis/Daily-wages against these regular vacancies; and

(c) what is the latest fate of this whole case?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI HOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) to (c) 19 posts of Horticulture Assistants/ Plant Protection Assistants which were required to be filled on regular basis through direct recruitment were notified to the Employment Exchange on 5th December, 1988 and interview letters issued to candidates on 16-2-89 for 6th, 7th and 8th March 1989. Offers of appointment were not, however, issued to the selected candidates because of the stay order given by the Central Administrative Tribunal on 1-3-89. Of the 19 posts, 3 were reserved for Sch. Castes and 2 for Sch. Tribes. The posts are being manned by *ad-hoc* appointees who have obtained stay. None of these *ad-hoc* appointees belongs to Sch. Castes and Sch. Tribes. The matter is still *sub-judice*. Further action will be taken in the light of the decision of the Tribunal.

Disconnection of Telephones on Account of Non-Payment

1856. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephones disconnected on account of non-payment of dues during the last two years, circle wise;

(b) the number of disconnected telephones restored during the above period; and

(c) the number of complaints received about the faulty service of telephones during the period:

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The information has been called for from the field units and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delay in filling up vacancies

1857. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies lying in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the years 1988-89 and during the current financial year;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies; and